The COMIC BOOK MARKETPLACE MONTHLY

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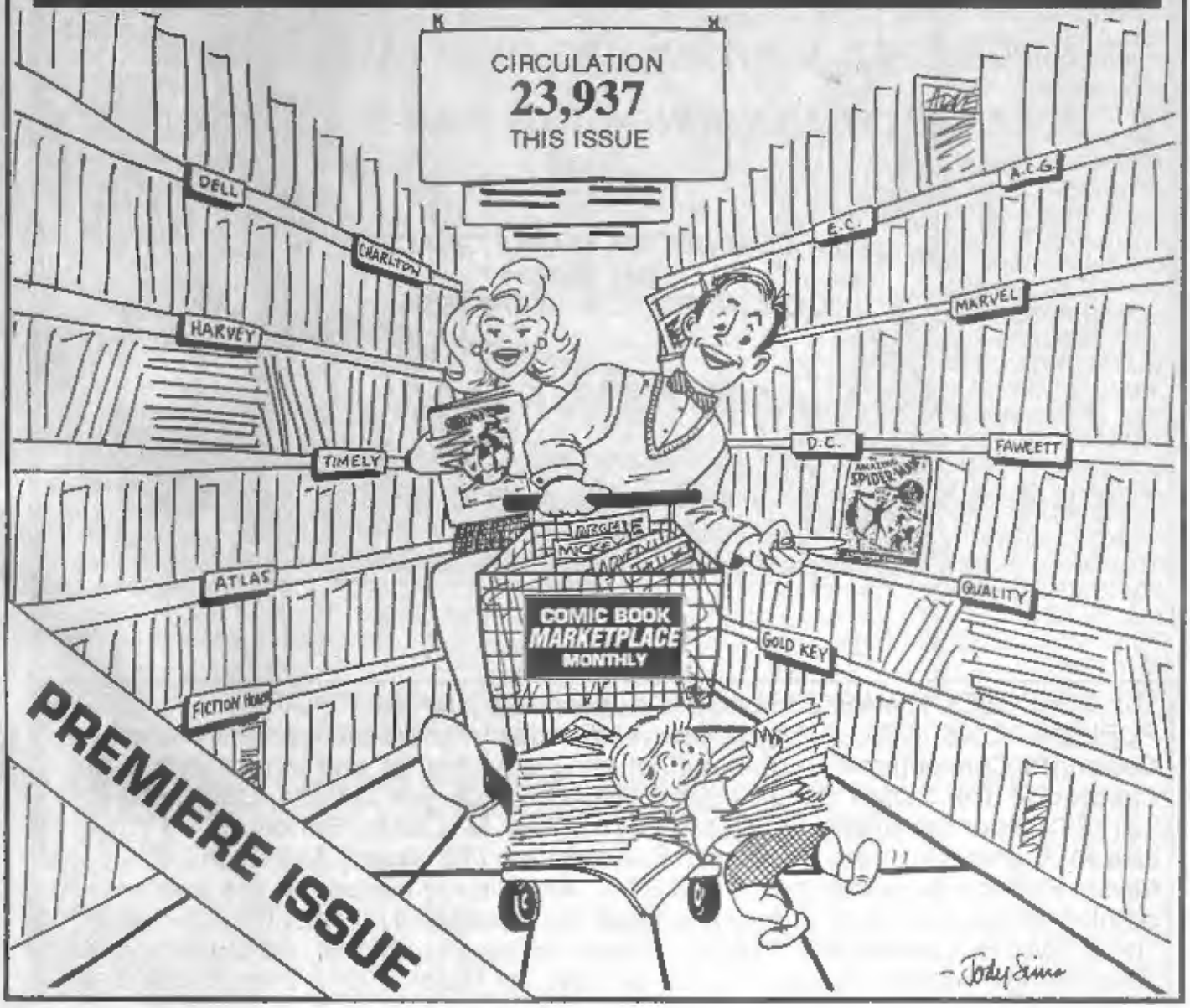


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Wouldn't it be great if somewhere in your new comic book "bazaar" you could induce some old pundit of panel perusal to discuss the pros and cons of this amazing hobby. Many of us would love to read about the Pie-Face Prince and Ken Shannon, Torchy and Herbie, Brain-Bats and Beagle Boys. We are hungry for 1001 anecdotes from the golden age of collecting...those fabled early '60's when all comics were (almost) affordable, and isolated fans were uniting and realizing they weren't alone in their search for the ten cent treasures of yore. We need updates on what reprints are on the racks (or on the rock?) We could use tips on acquiring old books whose merits exceed their prices. You could have an open forum where fans could give praise, offer advice, and cause controversy, or alert us to undiscovered bargains.

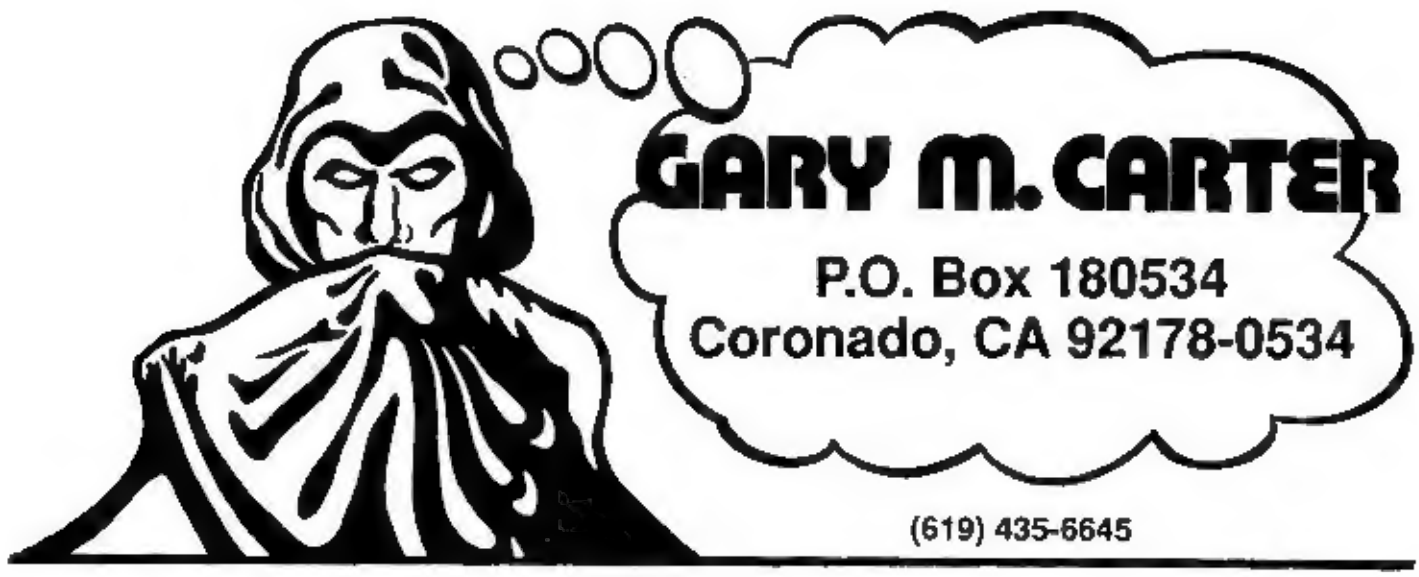
Above all, we need to be reminded that this game is more than pedigreed books in time vaults. Help us unleash those torrid twins, imagination and entertainment; aren't they the reasons we came here in the first place?

I am an Atlas fan, especially of their comics published during what I like to call the "boom years," 1952-1954. I consider these to be the greatest years of comics, to which the golden age was a prelude and the silver age an aftermath. One of thier best contributions "Adventures Into Weird Worlds" is a "martyr" title in that the word weird was eventually deemed verboten by the four-color gestapo known as the Comics Code Authority. In the last few years I have tried to achieve a more holistic comic perspective, and this, despite my nostalgia for the old days, is easier now because we have better access to the information which allows us to choose our "favorites" from the various eras and genres and publishers. Some books are beyond the reach of the average collector, but if you're shopping around for good stories with good art there are tons of things to hunt down that aren't high ticket items. Also reprints are helping make old stuff available: certainly the Batman Archives are cheaper than a stack of old Detectives. Not to suggest that there's any substitute for the real thing (the "Archives" don't have that golden age smell) but given the economic realities I applaud these alternatives. I also want to tip my hat to the latest in DC's "Greatest" series, The Greatest 1950's Stories Ever Told. This anthology captures the flavor of silver age DC: the good, the bad, and the ugly. (the Tomahawk story is good, the Blackhawk bad, and the Lois Lane ugly.) In comics, like everything else, you have to take the wheat and let the chaff go. In this DC book the final tally showed more wheat than chaff with lesser known features like Nighthawk and King Faraday scoring high marks. The book is capped by the four-part Kirby novel that introduced the Challengers of the Unknown in Showcase #6- yahoo!

Anyway, you get the idea. A column with a good dose of fun and enthusiasm can only add to the virtues of The COMICBOOK MARKETPLACE. So, like a bottle of bubbly bursting on your brow, think, dear editor, upon these things. Meanwhile, Holy Moley, Spa Fon, and Happy Collecting!

Thanks for listening, Pat S. Calhoun

(Point well taken! Are you volunteering for the job??? Editor.)



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